GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Service - Registration and Stamps – Allegations of embezzlement of Government money in Franking Machine at Stamp counter in Registrar Office (Original Branch), Anantapuramu against Sri N. Sreeramulu, formerly Sub Registrar and 2 others– Disciplinary proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services [Classification, Control & Appeal] Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge issued – Regular Enquiry Officer appointed - findings submitted - Enquiry Report Communicated - Explanation received – Charged Officer Sri D. Rajarathnam, Shroff, (CO-3), expired on 22.04.2019 - Examined - Further action abated - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.950 **Dated:16.09.2019**
Read the following:-

Ref:-1) From DIG, R&S, Anantapuramu, Lr.No.144-E/2012, dated:29.4.2015.
2) Govt.Memo No.13471/Vig.II(2)/2015, dated:07.07.2015.
3) From the DIG,R&S, Lr.No.144/Suptd./2012,dated:04.11.2015.
4) Govt., Memo No.13471/Vig.II(2)/2015-3, dated:04.12.2015, 27.04.2016 and 29.04.2019.
5) From the DIG, R&S, Anantapuramu Lr. No. 144/Suptd./2012, dated: 31.05.2019.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, the DIG, R&S, Anantapuramu, vide reference 1st read above, had informed that Embezzlement of Government money to the tune of Rs.30,48,806/- took place at Registrar Office (Original Branch), Ananthapuramu by way of non remittance of Government money relating to non judicial stamp duty franked on different printed bonds of various financial institutions through franking machine. This Embezzlement took place by way of variation in franking machine reading and the amounts posted in the franking machine stock book, manipulated by Sri D. Rajarathnam Shroff who embezzled the amount. The difference is found to be Rs.30,48,806/. Accordingly, Seven (7) Charges were framed against Sri N.Sreeramulu, Joint Sub Registrar-II who acted as in charge Joint Sub Registrar-I at Registrar Office (Original Branch), Ananthapuramu and four (4) charges were framed against Sri T.G.Reddy, Senior Assistant who acted as in charge Joint Sub Registrar-I for lack of supervision during different periods and eight (8) charges were framed against Sri D.Raja Rathanam Shroff, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Ananthapuramu who worked as shroff from 18.07.2009 to 3.08.2012 at Registrar Office (Original Branch), Ananthapuramu for embezzlement the amount.

2. The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Anantapuramu further informed that Sri S.Munisankaraiah, District Registrar, Chittoor who was appointed as Regular Enquiry Officer, has submitted the enquiry report holding all the charges framed against all the three charged officers as PROVED. Further, a criminal case as crime number 227/2012 was filed against D.Raja Rathanam Shroff, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Ananthapuramu under section 409, 420 of IPC by II- Town police Station, Ananthapuramu. The Enquiry report was communicated vide Memo dated 7.04.2014 of the Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Anantapur and the Charged officers have submitted their explanation.

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3. The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Anantapuramu has proposed punishment of Stoppage of 5 (Five) increments with cumulative effect against Sri N.Sreeramulu, former Sub Registrar and Sri T.G.Reddy, Senior Assistant (Who acted as in-Charge Sub Registrar-I at Registrar Office (Original Branch), Ananthapuramu and dismissal from service in respect of Sri D. Rajarathnam, Shroff, at Registrar Office (Original Branch), Ananthapuramu (Under Suspension).

4. And whereas, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Annathapuramu, vide reference 5th read above, has informed that due to delay in submission of the report from the District Registrar, Ananthapuramu, the report could not be submitted to the Government. Hence, he has requested that he may kindly be excused for the delay in submission of the report to the Government. He has further stated that the District Registrar reported that the two charged Officers have remitted an amount of Rs.10,00,000/- each paid through CFMS on 31-05-2019. The remaining amount of Rs.10,48,806/- may soon be remitted from the Death Cum Retirement Gratuity of the deceased i.e. D.Rajaratnam, Shroff (u/s) (died on 22.04.2019).

5. And whereas, Government have examined the matter and observed that according to G.O.Ms.No.85, Finance & Planning (FW-Pen-1) Department, dated 12-07-1999 under Sub heading Notification / Amendments (i) in the Sub Rule (7) (a) of the Rule 9, “When a Government servant dies before conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings, generally death abates all further proceedings. As such, when Government Servant dies before conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings, the proceedings under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 also abates. If any loss caused or misappropriated the Government amount by the deceased Government Servant established, in such a case, the disciplinary proceedings will not automatically abate and it is open to the Government to bring the legal representatives on record and conclude disciplinary proceedings for the purpose of recovery of the same".

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided and hereby order to abate all further proceedings against Sri D.Rajarathnam Shroff, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Ananthapuramu under suspension, in the above criminal proceedings as the Accused Officer had expired on 22.04.2019, duly recovering the share of Rs. 10,48,806/- from the Death Cum Retirement Gratuity of the deceased.

7. The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada / Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Ananthapuramu shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

D.SAMBASIVA RAO
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT, EXCISE & R&S)

To

The legal representatives of late Sri D.Rajarathnam Shroff, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Ananthapuramu. (**through** Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada)

The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada.

Copy to :

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Ananthapuramu.

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.

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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER